

<b>AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT</b>		1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES *
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. <b>PR-CI-01-12124/0001</b>	3. EFFECTIVE DATE <b>09/09/01</b>	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. <b>PR-CI-01-12124</b>	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)
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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)  <b>To All Offerors/Bidders.</b>		(✓)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. <b>PR-CI-01-12124</b>
		✓	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) <b>07/23/01</b>
			10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
			10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)
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**11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS**

[X] The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers [X] is extended, [ ] is not extended.

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

**12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)****13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

(✓)	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor [ ] is not, [ ] is required to sign this document and return \_\_\_\_\_ copies to the issuing office.

**14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)**

**THIS AMENDMENT RESPONDS TO TECHNICAL QUESTIONS. THE REQUIRED SUBMISSION DATE OF 8/21/01 IS EXTENDED TO 8/23/01.**

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) <b>NANCY A. MUZZY</b>	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16C. DATE SIGNED
(Signature of person authorized to sign)		(Signature of Contracting Officer)	

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SOLICITATION

1. PRICING ATTACHMENT 7 IS REVISED TO REQUIRE WHOLE DOLLAR PRICES INSTEAD OF PERCENTAGES, CONSISTENT WITH CLAUSE B.2 (SEE RESPONSE TO QUESTION 1 BELOW).
2. THE DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFERORS IS HEREBY EXTENDED TO THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2001, BY 2:00 PM. OFFERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE MONTGOMERY ROAD ADDRESS IN NORWOOD, OH, IF OTHER THAN BY U.S. MAIL:

US EPA, SUITE 300  
CONTRACTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, CINCINNATI  
ATTN: NANCY MUZZY  
4411 MONTGOMERY ROAD  
NORWOOD, OH 45212

3. RESPONSE TO TECHNICAL QUESTIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

**Question 1:** The pricing section in the Business Section (Page B-3 through B-12) and the instructions for the same indicate that prices are to be in whole dollars. This is consistent with the forms provided in this section. In the pricing instructions provided in Attachment 7, subunit prices are indicated as percents of the Unit Types. Which format is desired?

**Response 1:** All prices shall be stated in whole dollar amounts, per Section B.2 Services and Prices. Attachment 7 is revised to request whole dollar amounts for the Subunits, which must add up to the total full analysis price, consistent with Section B.2.

**Question 2:** For Type E, Additional Analyte, it is indicated that an MDL study is to be performed by the lab prior to EPA deciding if the analyte is to be added to an analysis. How is the lab compensated for the MDL studies?

**Response 2:** Appendix A, Section 4, QA/QC Requirements, Method Detection Limit (MDL) Study entry states:

*The Contractor must perform an MDL study at the time the analyte is added to the method. The results of the MDL study shall be submitted to the EAD SCC for review. MDL results will be used by the EAD SCC to determine if the data quality objectives for the particular data gathering effort are achievable, and to establish a minimum level (ML) of quantitation for the analyte.*

This requirement is designed to ensure that the laboratory makes a good faith attempt to meet the data quality objectives for the MDL and minimum level for a particular analyte. The laboratory is expected to incorporate the cost of QC items such as the MDL study into the Type E per sample price for each field sample analysis. If, after the laboratory acceptably performs the MDL study,

EPA determines that the field sample analyses are not to be performed, EPA will compensate the laboratory at the individual per sample Type E price (i.e., the price for a single Type E analysis for a complete MDL study).

**Question 3:** In Appendix B, Benzoic Acid-d5 is noted as present in SCC Stock No: SC-10 and SC-26 solutions. Is this intentional?

**Response 3:** This is not intentional. SCC Stock No.: SC-10 is no longer in use. Benzoic acid will be included in SCC Stock No.: SC-26.

**Question 4:** In Appendix C on page C-15 of 25, the Reference Compound field is shown as having 4 positions for a range of 1 to 250. In the past this field has had 3 positions. Is 4 positions correct?

**Response 4:** This question appears to refer to information on page C-14 of 25. The Reference Compound field does have four positions; however, normally only three positions are needed, as the Reference Compound field is used to show the sequential number of the compound in the first section of the quantitation report (it would not be more than 3 digits unless there were over 999 analytes).

**Question 5:** In Appendix D on page D-15 of 44, there is no Compound Number section for the Compound Name element. Is this correct?

**Response 5:** There should not be a Compound Number section for the Compound Name element. Appendix D defines each data element separately. The data element Compound Name does not contain a number; however, the associated data elements CAS Number, Compound Order Number, EGD Compound Number, and Reference Compound are described on pages D-1, D-15, D-22, and D-28, respectively.

**Question 6:** In Appendix D on page D-15 of 44, there is no Compound Order Number section for the Compound Name element. Is this correct?

**Response 6:** Again, the Compound Name element refers to only the name of the element. The Compound Order Number, another data element, is described on page D-15.

**Question 7:** In Appendix H on page 2 of 5, the semivolatiles extractions and volatiles analyses are to be done within 7 and 14 days of sample collection respectively. The lab has no control over the amount of time taken to get the sample from the field to the lab. Can this requirement be changed to reference the date samples are received by the lab rather than the date samples are taken?

**Response 7:** Given the increased scrutiny stakeholders are applying to any data generated in support of EAD effluent guidelines, it is important that method-specified protocols be followed,

unless otherwise specified by EPA. This rationale applies to extraction and analytical holding times as well. Consequently, EPA cannot change these requirements. EPA does recognize, however, that for instances in which shipping is delayed by 3 days or more, the laboratory may not be able to meet all analytical holding times. In such instances, the Contractor must work with EPA to negotiate an analysis schedule that minimizes holding time violations. When possible, EPA will prioritize which samples shall be analyzed first to ensure that the most defensible data are generated.

**Question 8:** In Attachment 2 on page 2-2 of 8, there is a reference to "surrogate compounds". There is no reference to such surrogate compounds in the methods. How do surrogate compounds apply to this procurement?

**Response 8:** Surrogate compounds are not applicable to Methods 1624 and 1625; the reference to surrogate compounds was a typographical error.

**Question 9:** In Attachment 2 on page 2-2 of 8, there is a reference to delivering hardcopies of chromatograms and mass spectra. There is no reference to these hardcopies schedule of deliverables. Are these deliverables? If so, how are they to be handled?

**Response 9:** Two different references to hardcopy deliverables of chromatograms and mass spectra are listed in Appendix H-Performance and/or Delivery Schedule for Sample Analyses. Item 8 of Appendix H refers to requests for hardcopy mass spectra and chromatograms associated with episode submissions currently under review at the Sample Control Center. Such requests are a potential component of the standard episode deliverable, and will be requested on a case-by-case basis during the data review process, as described in Note 8 of Appendix H. As stated in the Delivery Schedule, a 5-day turnaround is required for such requests.

Item 14 of Appendix H refers to requests for historical hardcopy mass spectra and chromatograms associated with episode submissions that were previously reviewed. Such requests are listed with a separate price breakout in Section B.2 as Type G: Historical Hardcopy Raw Data and are further described in Attachment A, Part 2, page I-9 of 16. The Type G deliverable will be requested on a case-by-case basis and a 7-day turnaround is required.

**Question 10:** The Personnel Requirement for the contract calls for 11+ people. Could the same person be used in multiple roles as long as they meet the minimum qualification. As an example could the purge and trap specialist be a GCMS operator as well?

**Response 10:** Attachment 3, Personnel Requirements, describes the requirement that "project personnel who meet the following qualifications" be assigned to the project. There is no requirement as to the number of personnel involved in meeting the qualifications, just that the expertise be demonstrated as being on staff. The point of the requirement is that the expertise be demonstrated, not how many personnel represent that expertise. However, the depth of staff may be a concern as far as capacity, thereby helping to determine how

many LOTS an offeror would be awarded.

**Question 11:** Section G4 of the RFP indicates that the labeled compounds will be supplied with the samples. Will the EPA make the analytical standards available to the interested parties to prepare for the arrival of PES?

**Response 11:** The EPA will be supplying the standards to those offerors who will receive Performance Evaluation Samples (those most highly rated per the preliminary evaluation process). See Clause L.3, "Instructions to Offerors", Paragraph 8(d) which states "...a sample set will be provided to each of these offerors, along with the appropriate standards...."